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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM UNHCR ON
PLANNED KURDISH REFUGEE MOVEMENT IN 1977,
WITH SLIGHTLY REVISED FIGURES AND TARGET DATES TO THOSE
GIVEN IN REF. UHNCR'S NOMINAL ROLL IS NOW BEING CHECKED
IN TEHRAN, AND FINAL LIST OF BETWEEN 500 AND 600
SHOULD BE READY IN EARLY MARCH, WHEN "COUNTRY CASELOADS"
CAN BE ESTABLISHED AND FIRM VOLAG AND TRAVEL PLANS
MADE.

2. AS OF NOW, FAVORABLE REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
FROM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

A. U.K.: BRITISH CONSULATE IN TEHRAN PROCESSING
APPLICATIONS AS RECEIVED; NO LARGE SINGLE MOVEMENTS
ANTICIPATED, BUT ABOUT 50 WILL BE ACCEPTED IN
1977;

B. FRG: CASELOAD OF 50 BEING PREPARED OF THOSE WHO
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HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH FRG;

C. SWITZERLAND: FAVORABLE REPLY IN PRINCIPLE
RECEIVED, AND GROUP OF 50 BEING IDENTIFIED WHO
HAVE CONNECTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS OR STRONG DESIRE
TO GO TO SWITZERLAND;

D. AUSTRIA: PROBLEM ONE OF PHYSICAL CAPACITY, BUT BY UTILIZING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, VOLAGS, AND KURDS ALREADY IN COUNTRY, PLANNING FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 WHO WOULD NOT NEED TO BE LODGED IN CAMPS;

3. "TEST CASELOAD" OF 10 HAS BEEN SUBMITTEDD, WITH SUPPORT OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN; HOPE TO HAVE 20 OR MORE ACCEPTED EVENTUALLY;

F. CANADA: NO DEFINITIVE REPLY RECEIVED, BUT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND UNHCR REP TEHRAN INDICATE CANADA MAY ACCEPT 30 OR MORE.

3. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, UNHCR IS HOPEFUL THAT ON "FAIR SHARE" BASIS U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT UP TO 350 OF 1977 NOMINAL ROLL. IF SO, DEDUCTING THE 86 PLACES NOT TAKEN IN 1976, NEW COMMITMENTS BY THE U.S. WOULD TOTAL 264 (UP 64 FROM FIGURE GIVEN REFTEL), OR A SLIGHTLY LOWER PERCENTAGE CASELOAD IN 1977 THAN THAT ACTUALLY ACCEPTED IN 1976.

4. UNHCR HAS ASKED THAT MISSION CONVEY ITS HOPE THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME EARLY INDICATION OF THE NUMBERS OF KURDISH REFUGEES WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IN 1977, IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT PROCEED TO FINAL PLANNING OF CASELOADS BY COUNTRY, AND TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANDIDATES TO U.S. CATTO

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